

REMARKS

Claims 7, 14, 21-24, and 40-42 have been amended to correct their dependency and conformity with accepted U.S. practice.

No new matter has been added.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS

7. (Amended) The method according to any of claims 1 to [6] 3, which further comprises adding succinic acid.

14. (Amended) The salty taste enhancer according to any of claims 8 to [13] 10, further comprising succinic acid.

21. (Amended) The salty taste seasoning agent according to any of claims 15 to [20] 17, further comprising succinic acid.

22. (Amended) A food or beverage comprising the salty taste enhancer according to any of claims 8 to [14] 10.

23. (Amended) A food or beverage comprising salt and the salty taste enhancer according to any of claims 8 to [14] 10.

24. (Amended) A food or beverage comprising the salty taste seasoning agent according to any of claims 15 to [21] 17.

40. (Amended) A food or beverage comprising the salty taste enhancer according to any of claims 30 to [34] 33.

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41. (Amended) A food or beverage comprising salt and the salty taste enhancer according to any of claims 30 to [34] 33.

42. A food or beverage comprising the salty taste seasoning agent according to any of claims 35 to [39] 38.